

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 7, 11 and 12 stand finally rejected under an Office Action mailed April 8, 2003. Claims 8-10 were allowed. Claims 3 and 6 were objected to.

Applicant filed an Appeal Brief on August 22, 2003. An Examiner's Answer was mailed on November 18 2003 with a response due January 18, 2004.

In view of the Examiner's Answer, Applicant requests the Appeal to be dismissed in accordance with MPEP 1215.01 and the prosecution to be reopened under this Request for Continued Examination.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating the allowable subject matter. In accordance with the final Office Action, Applicant herein amends claim 1 to incorporate the limitations of claims 2 and 3. Claims 4 to 6 as amended contain additional elements or limitations beyond amended claim 1 and are also allowable.

Applicant also submits an amendment to claims 11 and 12 which Applicant asserts patentably distinguish over the cited prior art.

Specifically as to claim 11, Hamilton does not disclose a register cam with a first face and a second face, the first face having a first profile and the second face having a second profile, the first profile and second profile conferring distinct movement characteristics to the register cam, and with the first face and the second face being rotatable between a first position and a second position while the register cam remains secured to the printing press.

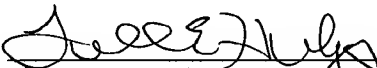
As to claim 12, Chikama does not disclose a register cam having a body and at least one cam arm extending from the body, the at least one cam arm having a first face and a second face, the first face having a first profile and the second face having a second profile and the at least one cam arm secured to the body to permit the arm to be rotated between at least a first position and a second position. The elements 11b and 11c of Chikama only have one face each.

CONCLUSION

In view of Applicant's remarks, the claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration, withdrawal of the rejections, and passage of the case to issue is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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